

TEC

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THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS



SPECIAL A.N.A. CONVENTION ISSUE - PITTSBURGH, PA. 1989

from the
PRESIDENT'S DESK



Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, IN. 47803

HELLO ANA VISITOR

This special ANA issue from The Elongated Collectors Club is just for you. We hope you will enjoy the special displays and dealers booths at this years Convention here in Pittsburgh, PA. The TEC club has a booth at ANA conventions so we can hand out FREE Elongated Coins and information on same. This year however, we are also Selling the Offical ANA Elongated Cent. They are available for only .50¢ as a souvenir for this years show. This is the lowest price Medal or Coin available that is an Offical Issue. We hope you enjoy your souvenirs. If you would like more information on Elongated Coins the back page of this Newsletter has it as well as an application form if you would like to join our club. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. The Club also has a Convention Badge rolled on 1989 Quarter available for only \$5.00 and this is a limited Issue of only 100 made.

We hope you will enjoy the Newsletter and articles and ads For Sale-Buy- Trade as these are up to date and you may order from them if you see something you would like. The Club members working at the TEC Table are available to answer questions and help any way they can. Feel free to ask them questions.

This year for the First Time there is a Full Set of Elongated Coins available with the Offical ANA Logo. These coins are 1¢ to 50¢ sealed in plastic and sell for \$6.00 per set. Only 200 sets available. They may be picked up at the TEC Booth or ordered from Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI. 48430. This is First Time any thing like this has been made for an ANA Convention. Hope you enjoy your visit.

TEC President

Frank Brazzell

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Picture of 1989
Membership Coin.
Send in your Dues!

**Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS
are \$5.00 per calendar year**

Please send your DUES Check To The Secretary:: Make check payable to T.E.C.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEO NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEO Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEO and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not too large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!

ALL ADVERTISERS

Advertising rates will remain the same for the present until a further study is made. Only camera ready ads will be accepted until further notice.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$25.00 ½ page \$15.00 ¼ page \$10.00
Send your AD and Check to Editor, Make Check Payable to T.E.C.

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for articles and ads is Sept. 15, 1989 Send at once if you can.



John G. Spadone
TEC #

TEC OWL

I received a letter from Don Wilkinson seeking information about the TEC Owl, we can share with readers. We had 12 members when the club started, 116 charter members and over 300 members at the end of 1967. Some collectors in this group, that are still around can supply any additional information.

(TEC News-Vol 2-1) I believe that the owl was Dottie Dows' idea and she mentions that Norman C. Nixon, brother of Ben Nixon, Dottie's engraver, drew the big eye owl from an ancient coin struck in Athens. He also had an owl on his store card.

(TEC News-Vol 2-2) According to the records, Dottie Dow was already selling 250 serial numbered, limited issue of the owl and some were issued on silver dimes by request. The Elongated membership coin card was a separate issue, suggested, made and donated by Ralph Jobe. The TEC members name was engraved on the reverse side free by Dottie Dow. Dottie handled the owl elongate herself to avoid club involvement which was time consuming board action to issue and finance.

(TEC News Vol 2-3) Dottie suggested that a vote, if members want the owl as TEC official emblem. She also suggested that the word member be placed above owl's head, so that it can be used as a membership card.

(TEC News-Vol 2-5) Lee Martin, then Chairman of the Election Committee, received 99 ballots out of 205 ballots sent out. He announced that 98 of the 99 votes approved the TEC Owl as the official TEC emblem.

Results of Election were;

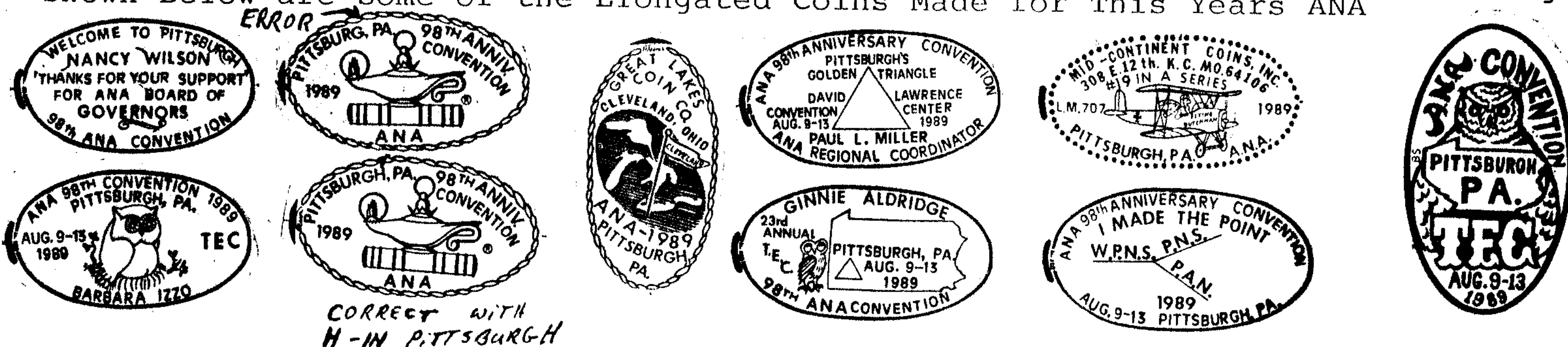
1967-69 Pres. Dottie Dow	Vice Pres. Lloyd E. Wagaman
Sec. Treas. Alice Moon	Board Members Gust Pappas Joe Lessner

The 1st TEC Convention Badge (Miami, Florida) was made without Owl by Lloyd E. Wagaman. There were 271 TEC Badges made with red ribbon on Canadian Quarters because they were silver.

The 2nd badge with green ribbon was the 1st badge with the owl and 214 with green ribbon were made. These sold for \$2.00 or \$2.30 by mail. The 2nd Convention took place at San Diego, California.

I hope that I have provided the information requested. Any corrections additions, comments, etc. write SASE to John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Ter., Miami, Florida 33055. It would be nice to receive a letter from one of the first 12 members, or 116 charter members or 250 members that bought the 1st TEC Owl elongated coin.

Shown Below are Some of the Elongated Coins Made for This Years ANA TEC Badge



Buy-Sell-Trade

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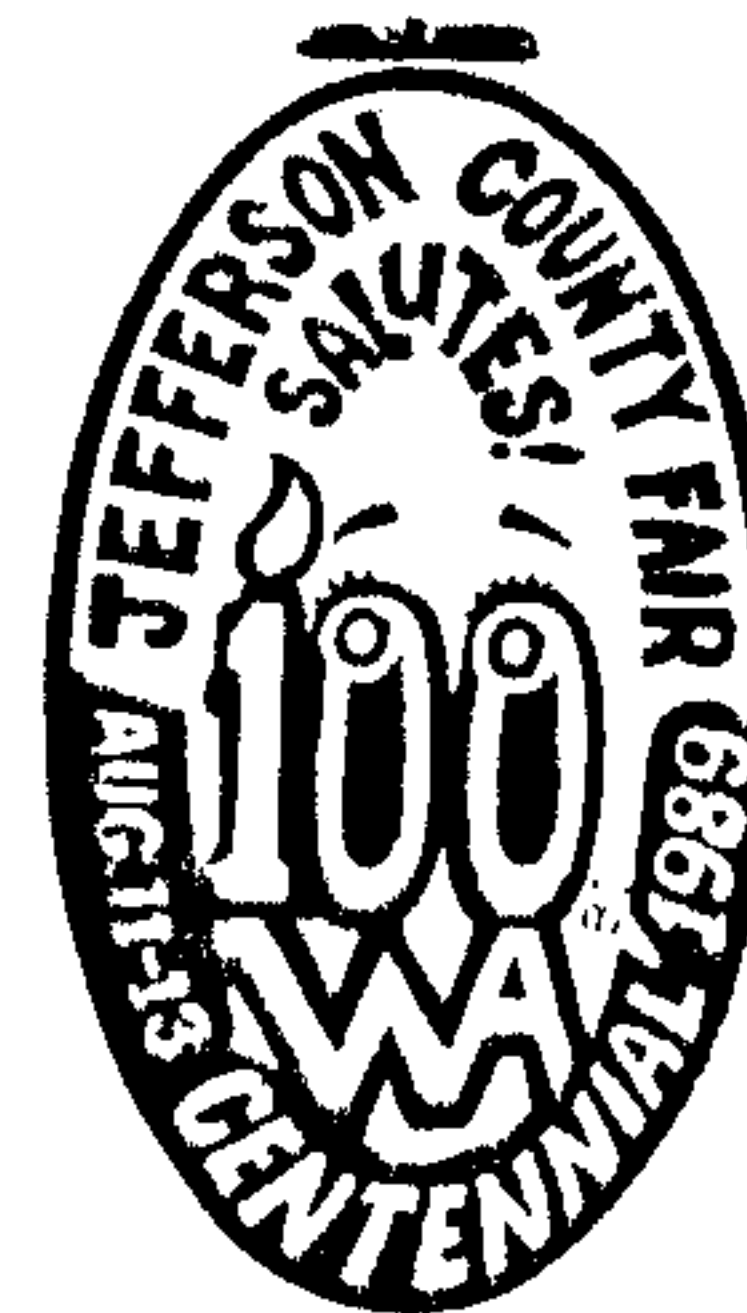
Many TEC Members collect Stamps. Use old Commemeratives on your Mailings.
 Send \$50.00 and receive \$50.00 face value Mint Commemeratives in return.
 Write- Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA. 95692

Here's wishing a fun time to all TEC-GSTEA-ANA Members in Pittsburgh!
 Enjoy the show and whatever you do-Don't sit on your Elongates! I am
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Write For my FREE Fixed Price List of Tokens, Medals, Exonumia, Elongated
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Have a few lots left; \$50.00 Face Elongated 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, SBA\$ mixed
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Cash Paid for over 9,000 tokens, medals, in 1988. Many more needed in 1989.
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Send S.A.S.E. to Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, In. for Flyer
 on Elongated Machines, Engraved Dies and receive a Free Elongated Cent.

Dear Fellow Club Members, I promised Frank about two years ago that I would help him out and write an article for the newsletter and this will have to be it, seeing as how it is his last issue. I guess a little history is in order, so here goes.

I bought my first penny machine for \$5,000.00 from Universal Amusements in Nevada, after seeing a machine in Gatlinburg, Tn. Took delivery in Jan 1980 just in time for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. Made good money but the machine wore out in those two weeks. I sent it back with a note explaining what was wrong, but only the side gears were replaced. It was then that I decided to get into making my own machines. Someone at Lake Placid told me about T.E.C. and gave me Ginnie Aldridge's name and I joined in 1980. Due to negligence on my part I missed a year or two by forgetting to send in my dues. Right now I am member #1040, which is quite appropriate as "Penny Pinching" is my business.

I got in touch with Chester Rogers and he did a couple of 1980 New York State Fair dies which I rolled at the fair. I then got in touch with Adam Cool and he made all of my dies until he passed away. I haven't got the exact number of dies that he made for me but it is a considerable amount. I promise to write again and give a more detailed accounting of the number of machines that I have put together (about 30), as well as the list of dies by date. This is in answer to Ray Dillard's request "where are all the die-makers?" Before Adam passed away, he had offered to teach me to make dies and I kick myself each time I think of the opportunity that I let get away. Anyway the gist of the story is that I did get to learn to engrave my own dies from Frank and by attending an engraving school in Arkansas. So now I make my own machines and do the die-work.

The reason that you haven't heard from me before is due to the nature of my business. You see, I am a professional roller. I work in my home town of Panama City Beach, Fl. during the summer months and travel doing state fairs during the fall and winter. Sometimes I am gone for two months at a time and I am just terrible at answering mail. I owe an apology to Doug Fairbanks for not answering his letters, it just seems that I get pulled in so many directions that time gets squandered and mail gets last priority. I don't know how Frank gets everything done that he does and I will be forever grateful to him for what he has taught me about die-making.

For those of you that don't know what is involved in die-making, take it from me, you are getting a bargain for what Frank is charging versus the time that he puts in and the trouble he goes through. I charge \$75 to cut a die and consider that cheap for what is involved.

I realize that to the club members who are into elongateds as a hobby, that I might sound a little crazy when I say \$75 is cheap. I am just looking at it from a different point of view. I pay anywhere from \$300 to \$800 to get a location at the fairs. Add the cost of food, gas, and lodging in and the cost of a die seems small. Even if you just have a die made to sell a few coins, each coin costs about 10 -15 cents each and you sell them for 50 cents you are tripling your money. If you trade them for other coins to add to your collection it is still a reasonable cost.

The machine I sell is designed specifically for someone wanting to go into the business of being a roller full time. I was a leather craftsman before I did this and take a great deal of pride in what I do. I spare no expense in making my units and use only the best of materials. I build my columns and bases out of stainless steel and the whole machine is fully equipped and ready to make money when it arrives. I furnish signs, punch, necklaces, everything. Almost all of my machines were sold to people that I have met at the fairs that I do. I also have the biggest pricetag:\$5,500.

Well I hope this gets the ball rolling (pardon the pun) and some of the other rollers and die-makers will sit down and let us all hear from you. I would be happy to take on the job of listing the rollers and die-makers who want to be known if you will send me the info on yourself or if you know of someone who is doing it or a location where it is currently being done. We can get this job done with a little help, how about it ?
Jim Dundon 4211 Catherine St. Panama City Beach Fl. 32408 904 234 0267

DESIGNING YOUR OWN ELONGATED COINDON A. WILKINSON
TEC NO. 1079

I have learned during the time that I have been into elongated coins that I get a tremendous feeling of satisfaction in conceiving an idea for a coin and working out the details of the design. When the completed coin arrives, what a great thing of beauty, joy and pride of accomplishment! As a collector, I believe you are somewhat unfulfilled until you do your own coin.

I'd like to outline a few things to consider in doing a coin:

- Do a coin on an event or activity that you know something about. If you don't, research the activity so the theme, logo design, slogans or sayings, are authentic and recognizable as being relevant to the event or activity.
- Keep the design simple and uncluttered as possible; this is going to be your biggest problem. Simple single line drawings are best, like those in a child's coloring book.
- Unless the event is strictly a one time affair, make the coin design as generic as possible and dateless. If it is to be date specific, i.e. a one time date sensitive event, then, of course, include the date. Remember, you can have the year date on the reverse of the elongated coin used.
- Send a pencil sketch of what you desire to the die maker who will advise you on layout, set-up, so forth. Usually the die maker will complete the design and send you the proposed artwork for approval before rolling. I will work out a design layout for you for a small charge.
- You can save the artwork cost by completing the design yourself. Use stick on letters which can be purchased in a business supply house. Letters of 42 pt, 36 pt or 30 pt show the best. The die maker can provide a blank oval layout on 8x11 paper with a variety of borders for you to design on. Glue stick, scotch tape, white-out, scissors and clear sharp reproductions are essential to producing good camera ready copy. Be creative!
- It costs approximately \$80.00 to get an elongated coin die cut and up to 250 penny coins rolled. Additional coins are approximately \$15.00 per 100.
- The steel roll itself costs \$35 to \$40.00, if you desire to own the roll and die. If not the die maker retains possession of the steel roll and will use the other three spaces on the roll for other people's dies.
- Spray your coins immediately with clear acrylic to retain their bright metal appearance indefinitely. Make presentation cards using reduced size artwork and some inventive xeroxing on colored cover stock. These touches really set off your coin.
- Let others know of your accomplishment by doing an article for the TEC News and put in a free ad to sell or trade

(This is an update to an earlier version of the same topic)



ELONGATED COINS

It is generally accepted that rolling of elongated coins in the United States began at the World Columbian Exposition held in Chicago, Illinois in 1892-93. Elongated coins are coins rolled through hand cranked machines consisting of reverse-engraved dies cut in steel rollers, similar in concept to wringers on old fashioned washing machines. Regular coins are run through the rollers under tremendous pressure, which passes the coin into the die and due to the pressure, elongates the coin in the process. Power mechanism has been added to many machines.

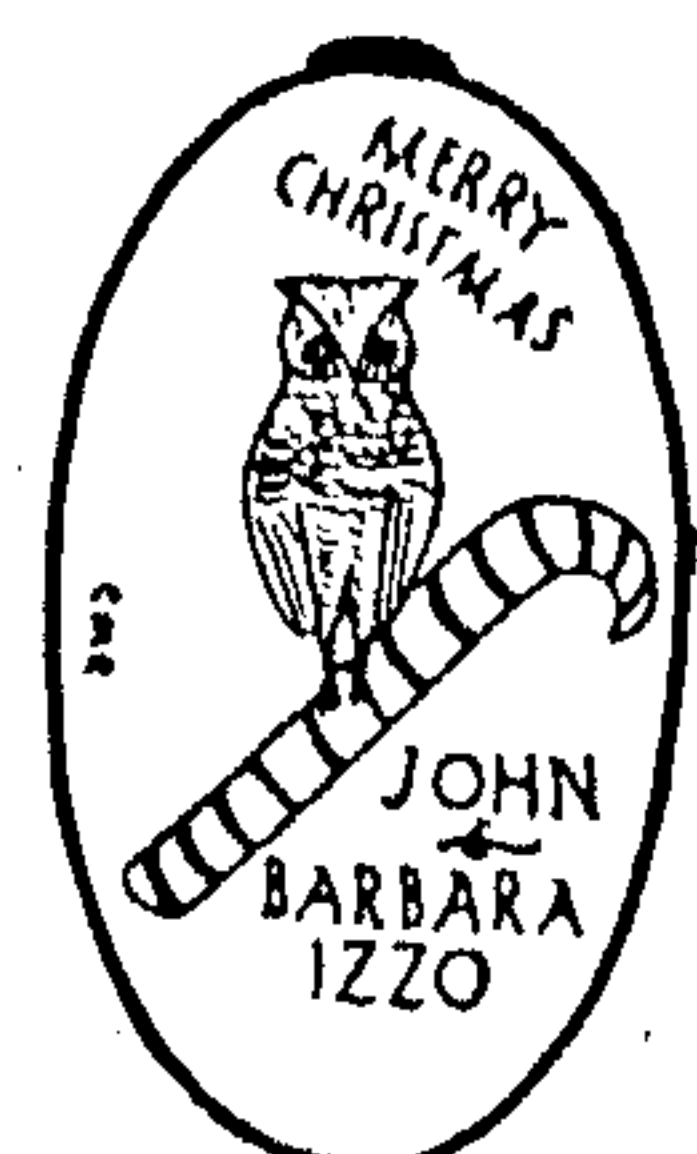
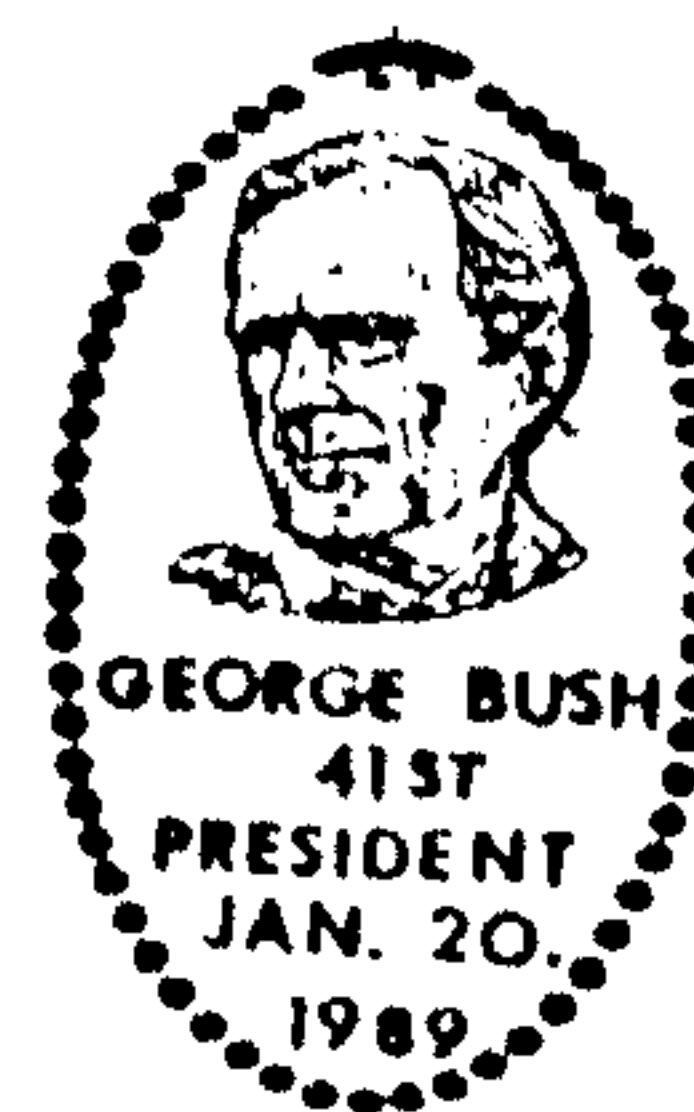
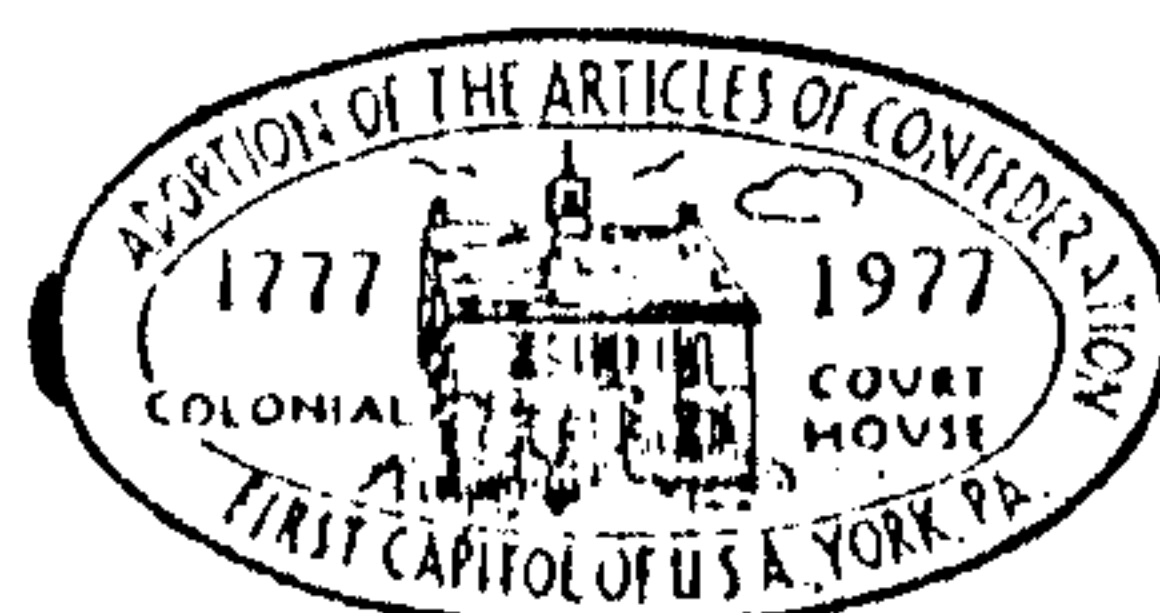
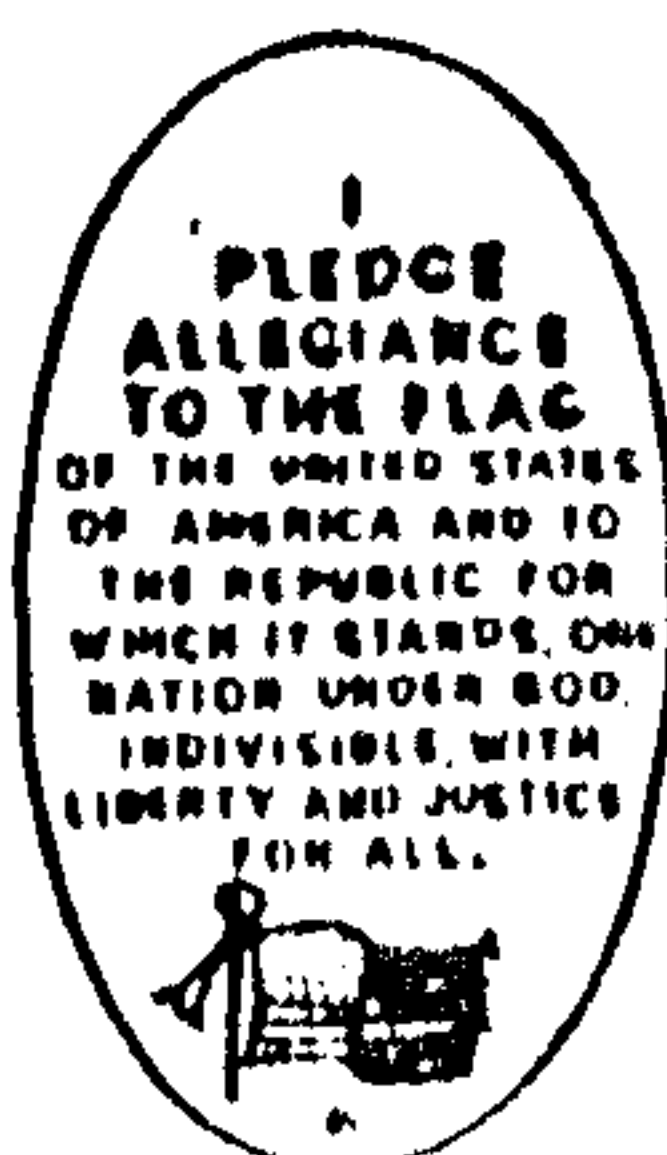
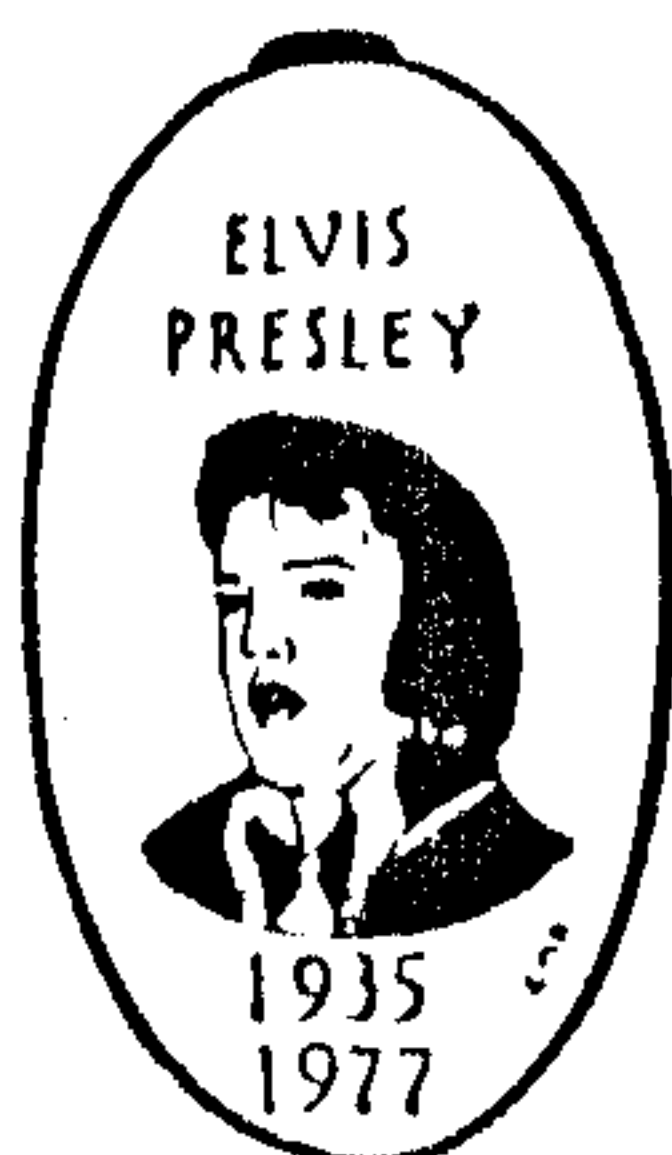
Elongated coins come in all denominations plus tokens and foreign coins with the one cent piece being by far the most common. It is not illegal to make elongated issues on U.S. coins. Although SECTION 331, TITLE 18 of the U.S. Code prohibits the fraudulent alteration and mutilation of U.S. coins, the status does not prohibit mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or use.

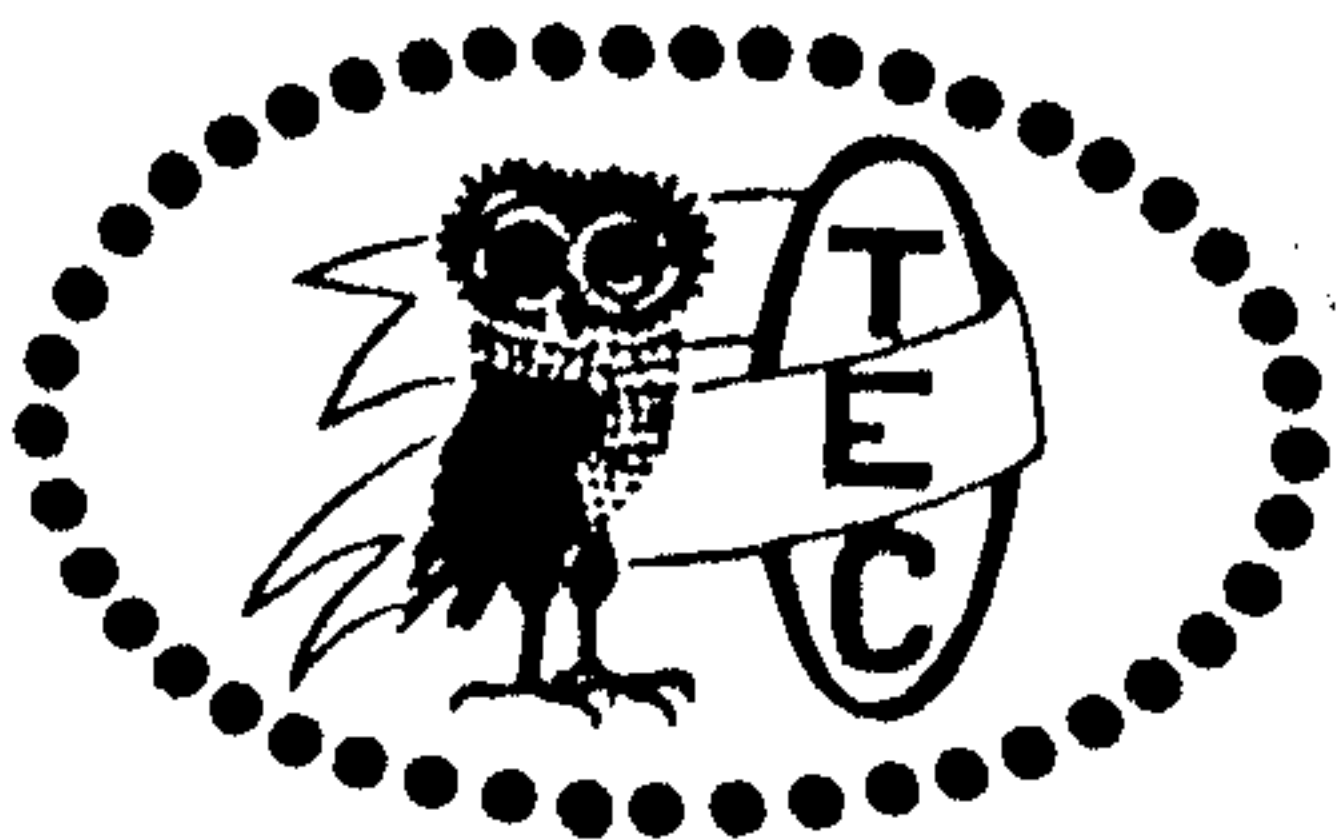
With the start as a money making souvenir at world fairs or expositions, the elongated coin has evolved into mementos for most any event, activity or topic. Many more are used as store or personal cards. Prices of elongated coins vary depending on number rolled, age denominations, popularity of topic or event, even condition of the coin. Only three books on elongates which catalog and provide a price guide have been published, however the more common and numerous elongateds sell for between 50¢ and \$1.00 when not used as free hand-outs. It is estimated there are a thousand elongated coin collectors with large general collections, and thousands more who collect topical or specialty elongates.

Older elongated coins are found at coin shops or shows, flea markets, even garage sales. Modern elongateds are rolled and sold at many events, fairs, shows and other activities, plus used as personal or store cards. Several die designers and engravers art are commercially available at a moderate cost. There are over 100 active "rollers" in the U.S. many whom will roll coins for you at a nominal cost. There are a small number of dealers in Americana Exonumia, that also issue catalogs and sell elongated coins by mail or auction. There are a number of major collectors or rollers who occasionally publish lists of elongated coins they are willing to sell.

There is an active association of elongated collectors known as The Elongated Collectors (TEC), which has elected officers, publishes a quarterly newsletter and meets annually at the American Numismatic Association National Convention, where they also sponsor an exhibit and booth. If you would like to know more about elongated coins and/or TEC join now; Dues for regular memberships are only \$5.00 per year. Get in the main stream of the action and information flow.

Mr. Raymond Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Michigan, 48430.





THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Please print or type)



Secretary
Ginnie Wilkinson
5700 Flagler St.
Metairie, LA. 7003

President
Raymond Dillard
P.O. Box 161
Fenton, MI. 48430

When completed, please forward this application to the secretary with your check made out to "TEC" for \$5.00 for the calendar year. (Dues are due every January 1st.)

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
_____ YEARS COLLECTING ELONGATEDS _____ SPECIALTY _____

I agree that if I am admitted to membership, I will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of TEC and its code of Ethics.

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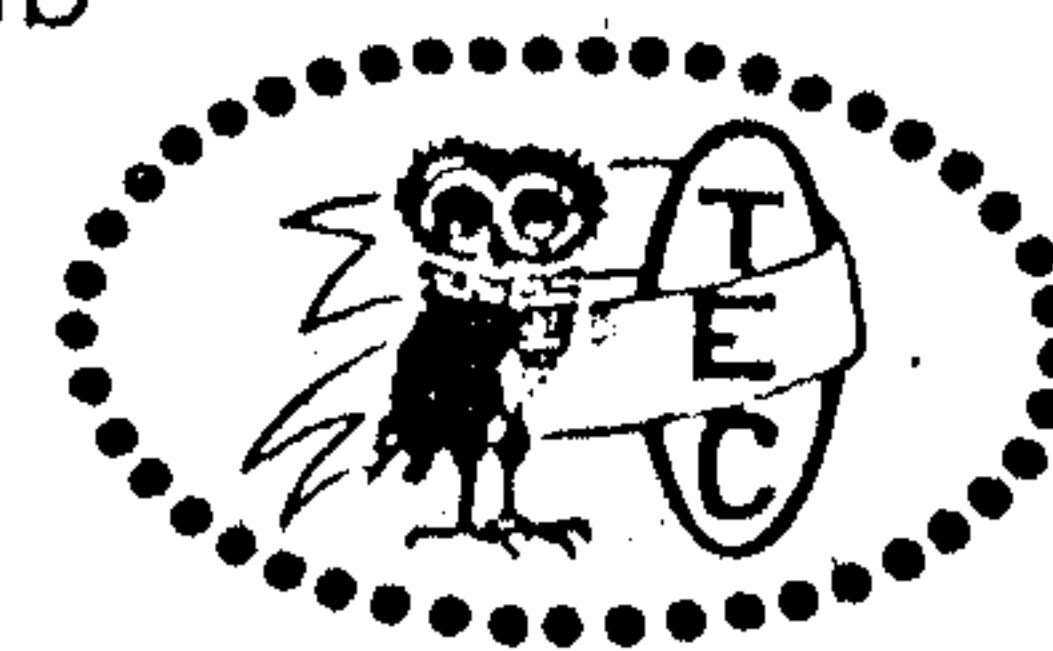
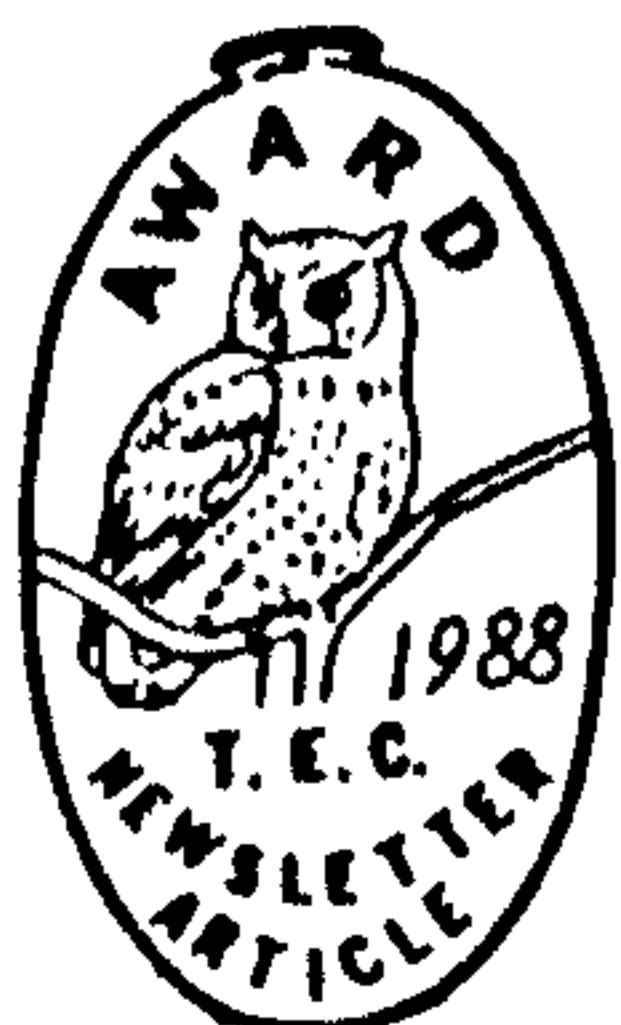
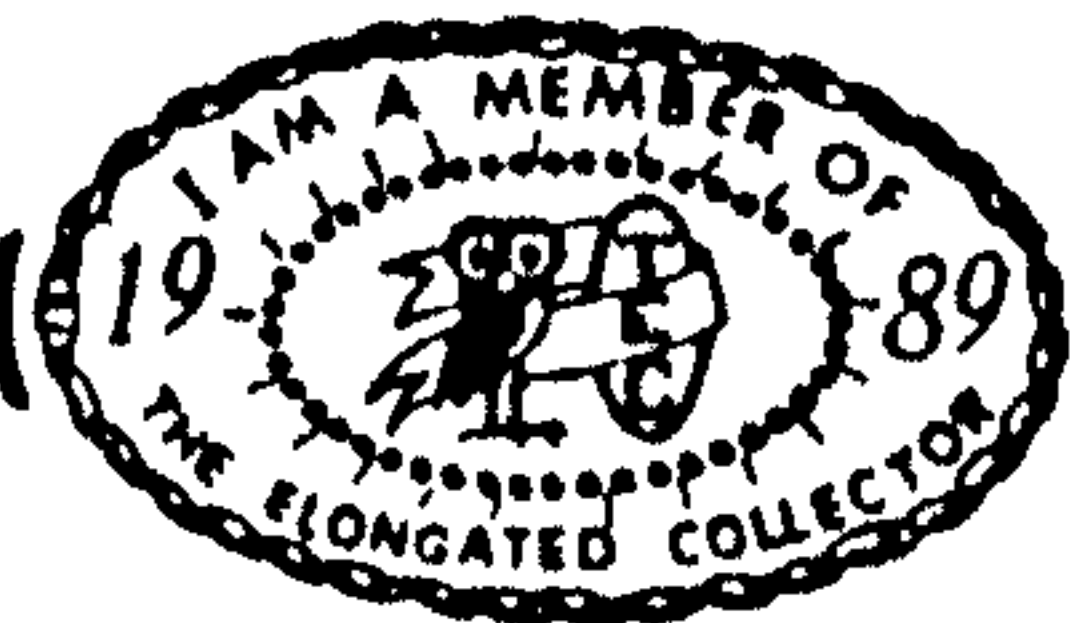
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Secretary: _____

THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR (TEC)

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- You get a free (donated) Elongated Coin with each Newsletter.
- You get to place a free ad in each newsletter.
- You write a Newsletter article and you'll get an award coin. In 1988 there were 54 coins rolled and presented. These coins will be rare collectors items.
- You get an opportunity to buy a limited edition TEC-ANA Convention Badge rolled on a quarter for only \$5.00.
- Annual meeting held in conjunction with ANA Convention.



We feel there are many advantages in being a member of TEC. Won't you join us? Get in the information mainstream with the nice people that collect elongated coins!

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If you have a logo you want on a store card just send us a copy or business card and we will make the die to your order. All tokens will have a clear imprint of Lincoln. These may be collectors items of the future.

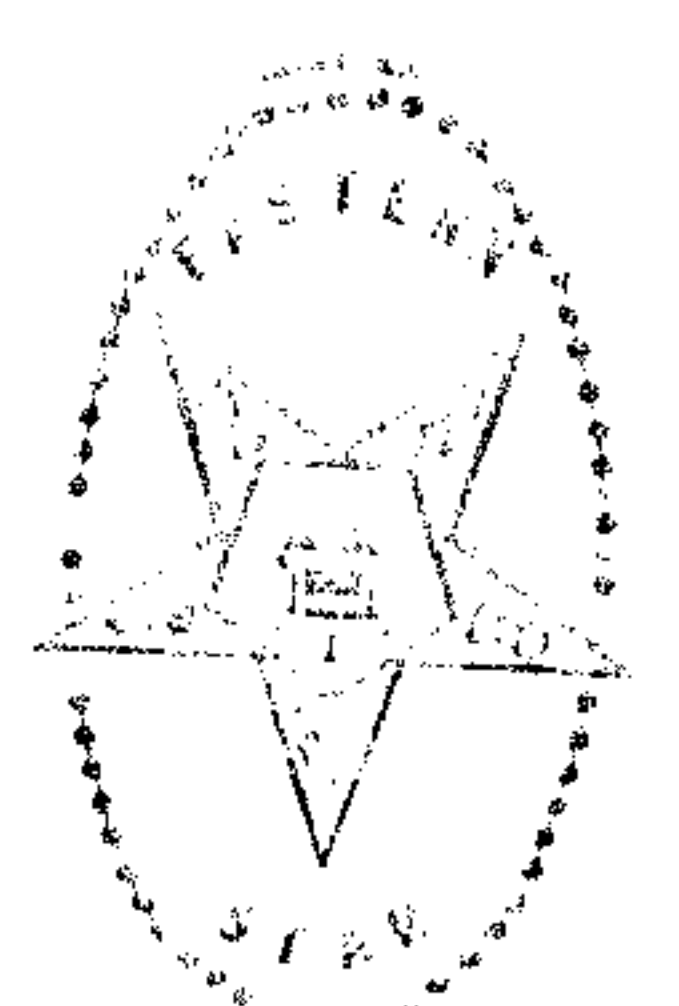
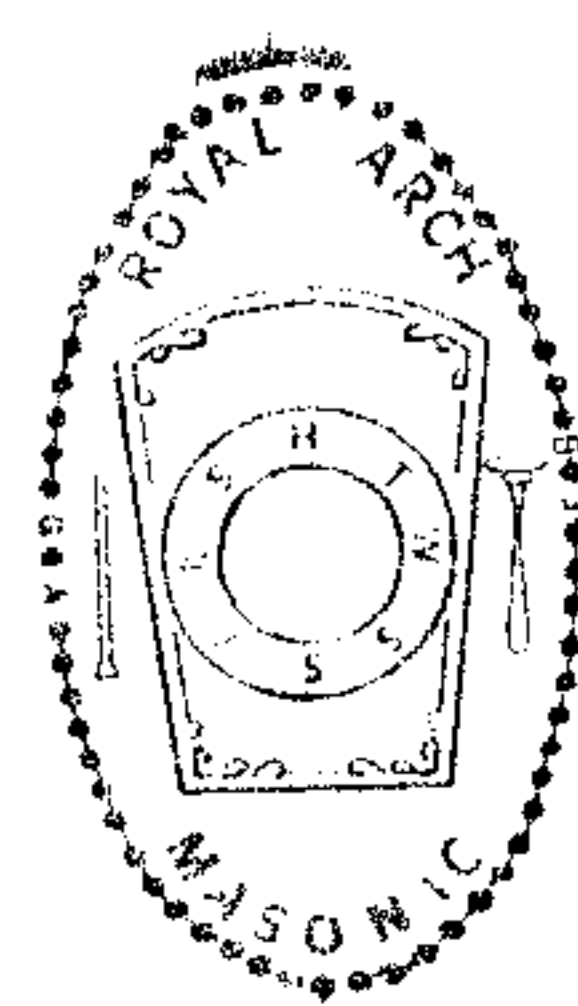
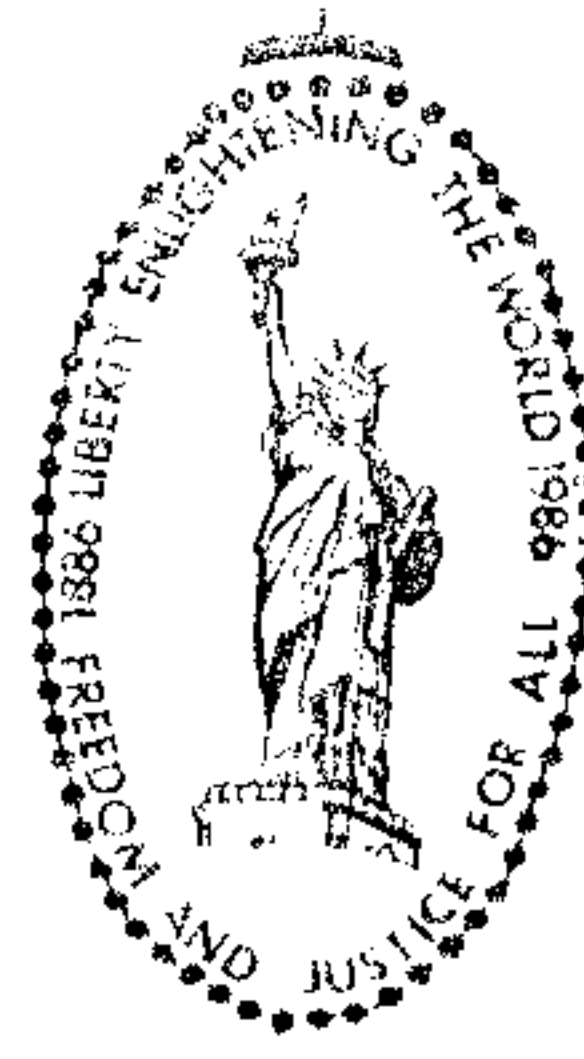
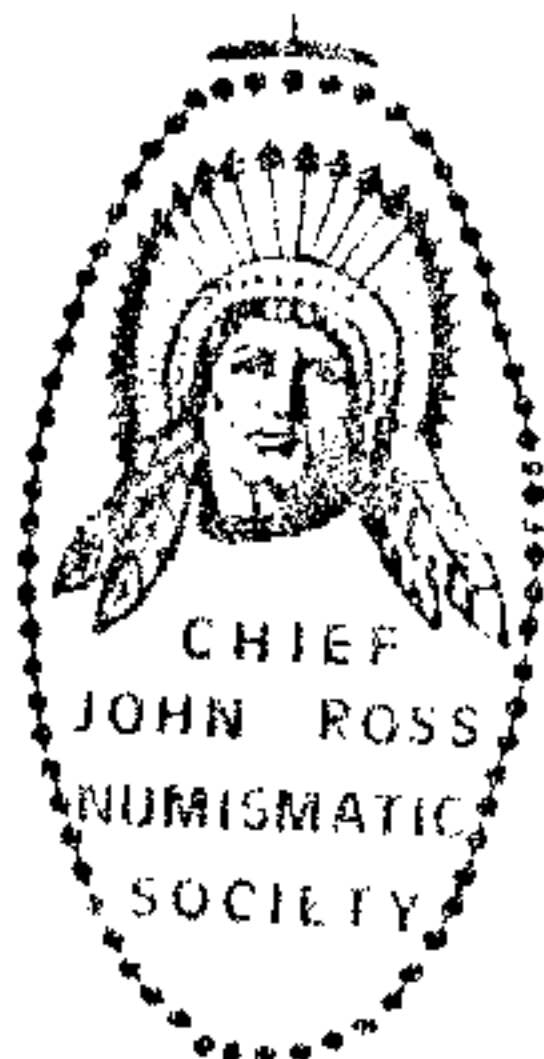
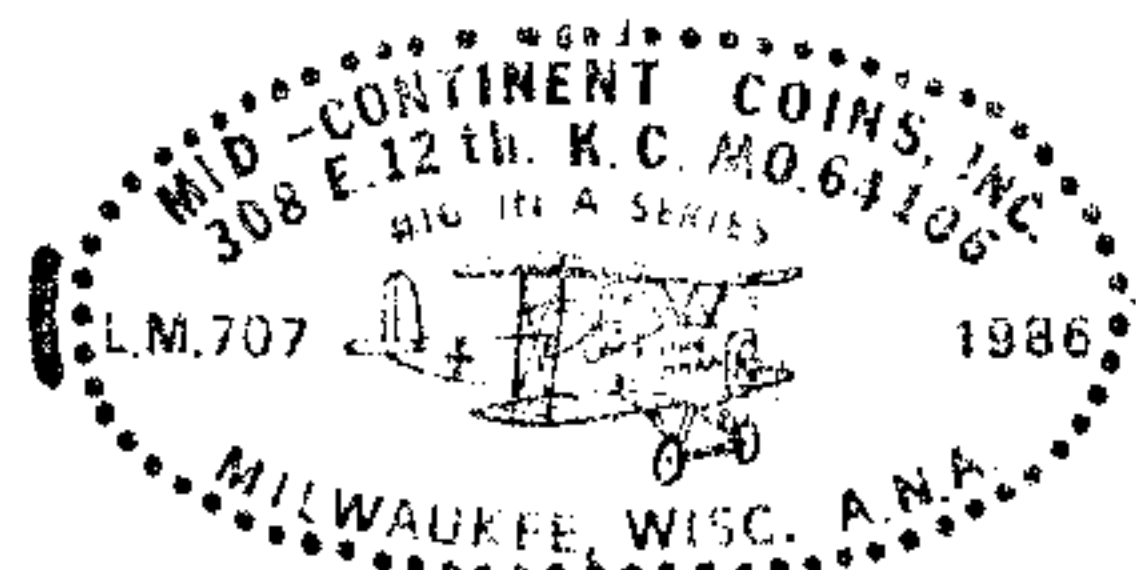
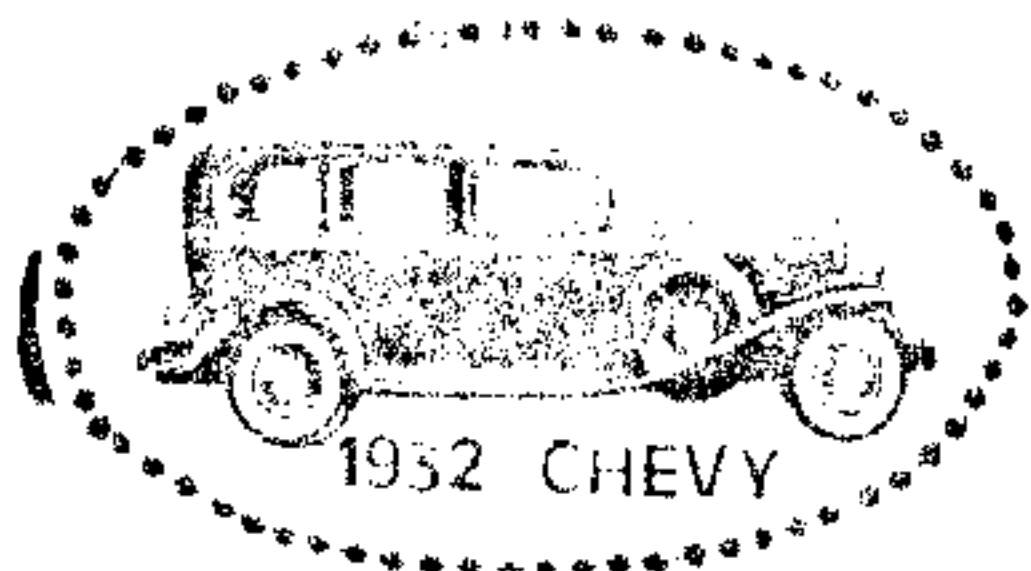
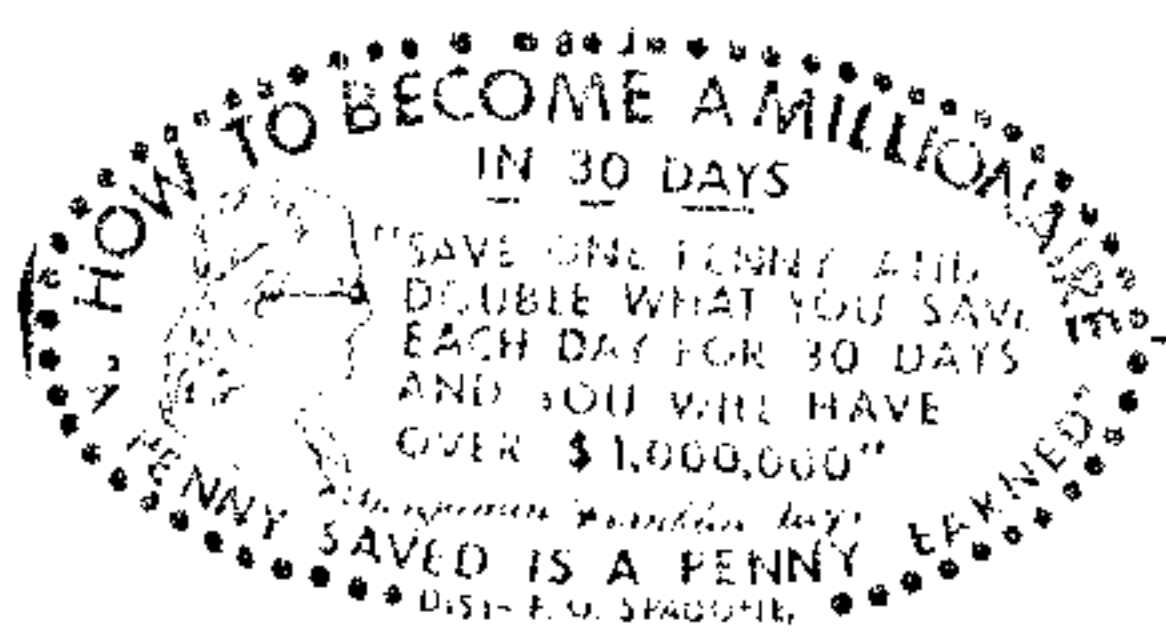
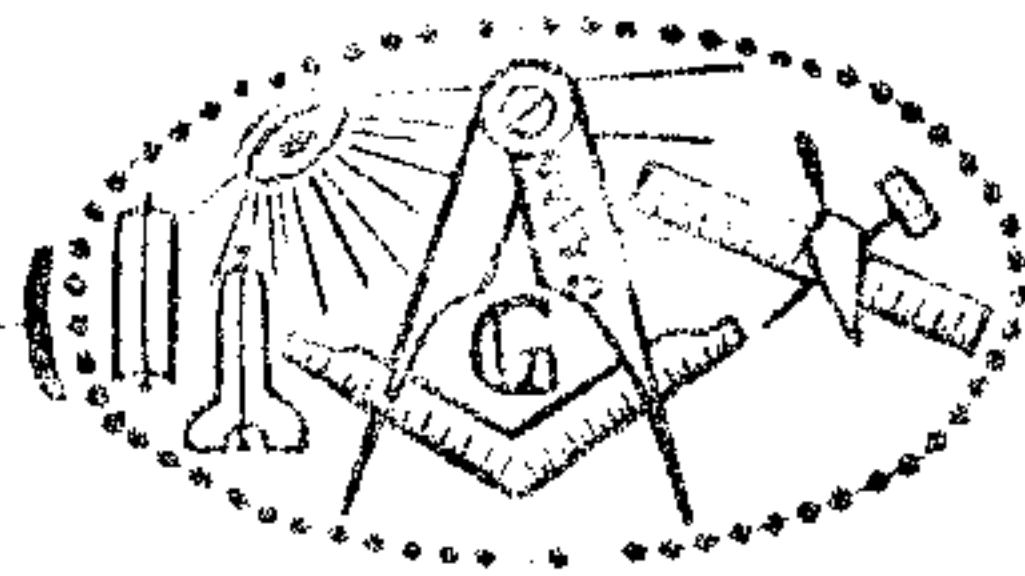
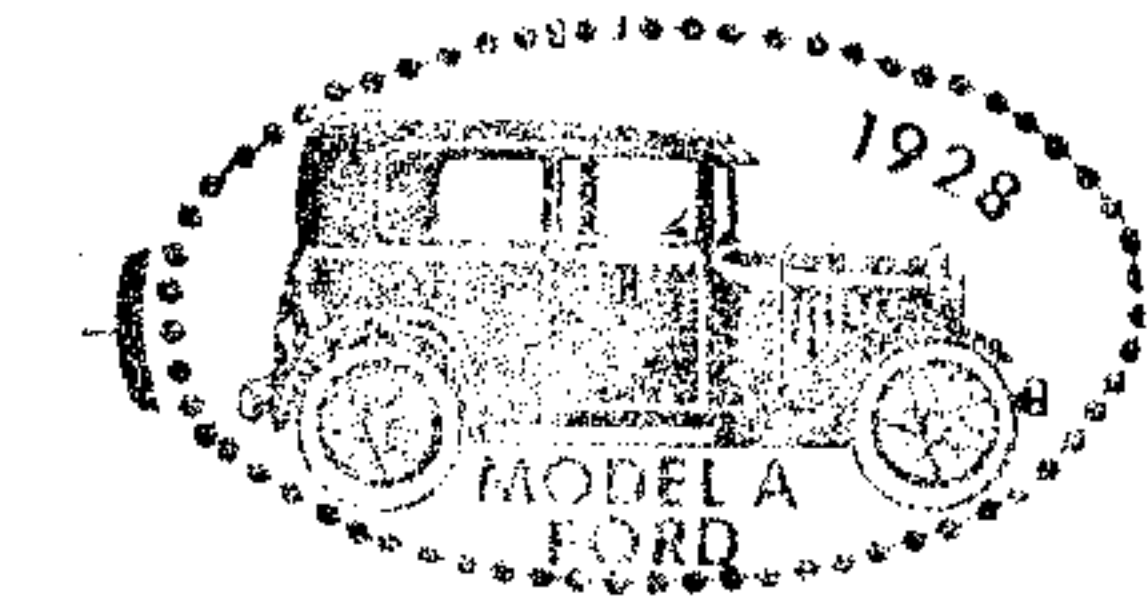
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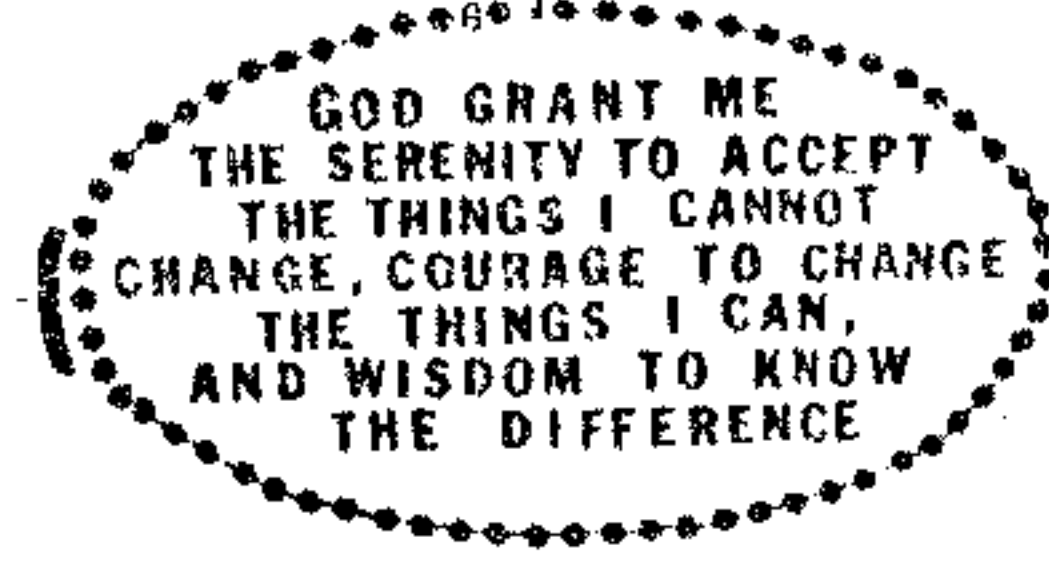
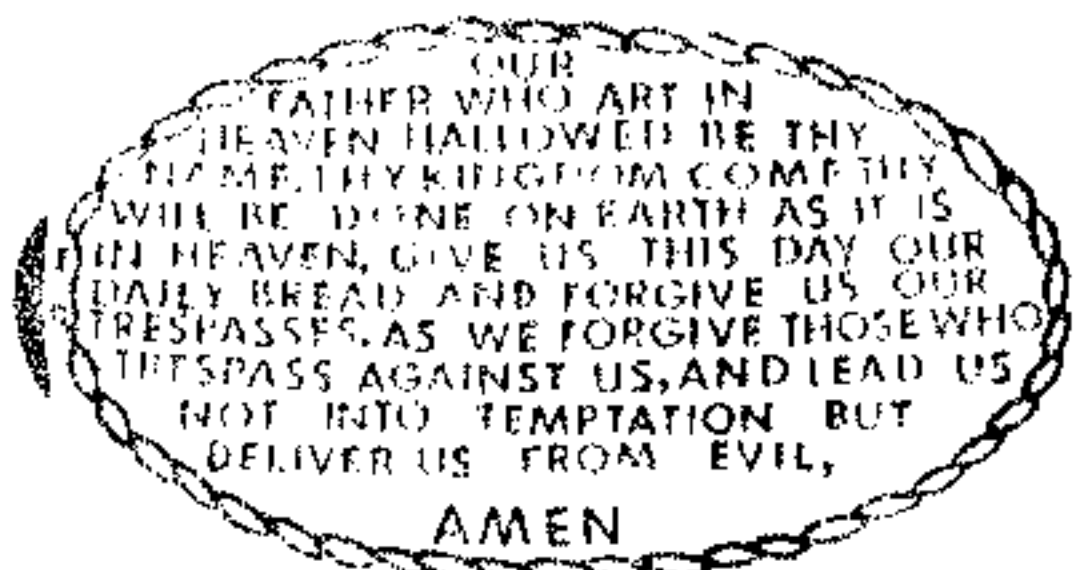
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FREE SAMPLE





FOR SALE ELONGATED COIN ROLLING MACHINE

Machine frame is of heavy bronze. Gears, handle, coin slide, and coin catcher are chrome plated.

Machines have the coin slide to drop the coin into and push in, turn handle one full turn, and elongated coins slide into coin catcher.

Each machine comes with a metal stand with 2 wheels on one end. Just tilt the stand and you can roll it like a two wheel cart anywhere. The metal stand also has two drawers to hold supplies, like key chains, neck chains, etc.

Each machine comes with a steel roll with 2 dies, of your choice engraved on it. Other dies engraved cost \$55.00 each, and up, depending on style and type of engraving.

Total price for Machine, Stand, Roll with 2 dies, is only \$2,900.00 plus freight.

Engraved dies require two weeks to do.

Each roll holds up to 4 engraved dies.

Picture of Machine shown below.

Heavy Duty Machine
Weight—120 lbs.

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